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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING SYNTHETIC RESIN FOAM, BLOWING  
AGENT AND PREMIX

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(b)**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

Documents AF and AG were cited in an International Search Report dated August 19, 2003. A copy of the search report is also enclosed.

No fee is required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement, since it is being submitted prior to the issuance of a first official action on the merits or expiration of the three month period following the filing date or the entry of the national stage of the above-captioned application.

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of this application, and that the documents cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record therein and appear on the first page of any patent to issue therefrom.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340 for any fee which is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement.

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#### U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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_____	AA	6,380,275	Kruecke et al	4/30/02	521	121
_____	AB					see spec pp2-3
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#### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	Document No.	Date	Country	Translation (Yes or No)
_____	AF 2003-206330	7/22/03	JP	yes, abstract
_____	AG 11-343326	12/14/99	JP	yes, abstract
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_____	AI 2-29440	1/31/90	JP	yes, abstract; see spec p 2
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#### OTHER DOCUMENTS

_____	AK	International Search Report dated 8/19/03.
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